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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO BERLIN VIA HELMSTEDT-BERLIN AUTOBAHN

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1. ANY PERSONNEL (INCLUDING DEPENDENTS) WHO ARE ISSUED MOVEMENT
ORDERS SIGNED BY AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE D'AFFAIRES FOR TRAVEL TO
BERLIN VIA AUTOBAHN SHOULD BE SHOWN FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL
INSTRUCTIONS BUT NOT RPT NOT GIVEN COPY TO TAKE WITH THEM:

1. TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION: IF SOVIET OR EAST GERMAN (GDR)
AUTHORITIES DEMAND THAT YOU HAVE SOVIET OR GDR TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION
(VISAS OR OTHERWISE), YOU SHOULD PROTEST AND DEMAND TO PROCEED
ON BASIS YOUR ALLIED MOVEMENT ORDERS AND BY VIRTUE YOUR ALLIED
STATUS. IF THIS IS NOT GRANTED, YOU SHOULD TURN BACK RATHER THAN
ACCEPT ANY SOVIET OR GDR TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION WHICH MAY BE OFFERED
YOU ON THE SPOT.

2. CUSTOMS INSPECTION: IF AN ATTEMPT IS MADE BY SOVIETS OR
EAST GERMANS TO SUBJECT YOU TO CUSTOMS INSPECTION OR CONTROL,
YOU SHOULD STATE THAT BY VIRTUE YOUR ALLIED STATUS YOU ARE NOT
SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS CONTROL BY ANY RPT ANY AUTHORITIES ON HELMSTEDT
BERLIN AUTOBAHN WHICH IS QUADRIPARTITELY RECOGNIZED ALLIED
ACCESS ROUTE TO BERLIN.

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IF THIS IS UNAVAILING AND IF YOU ARE ENTERING SOVIET ZONE, YOU SHOULD TURN BACK. IF YOU ARE LEAVING SOVIET ZONE AND THEREFORE UNABLE TO PROCEED WITHOUT SUBMITTING TO CUSTOMS INSPECTION AND CONTROL, YOU SHOULD SUBMIT UNDER PROTEST AND WITH STATEMENT THAT INCIDENT WILL BE REPORTED AT ONCE TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES.

3. AUTOBAHN TOLLS: IF AUTOBAHN TOLLS ARE DEMANDED, YOU SHOULD REFUSE TO COMPLY, STATING THAT BY VIRTUE YOUR ALLIED STATUS YOU ARE EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF FEES OF ANY KIND ON HELMSTEDT-BERLIN AUTOBAHN WHICH IS QUADRIPARTITELY RECOGNIZED ALLIED ACCESS ROUTE TO BERLIN. IF THIS UNAVAILING AND IF YOU ARE ENTERING SOVIET ZONE, YOU SHOULD TURN BACK. IF YOU ARE LEAVING SOVIET ZONE AND THEREFORE UNABLE PROCEED WITHOUT PAYING, YOU MAY COMPLY BUT UNDER PROTEST AND WITH STATEMENT THAT INCIDENT WILL BE REPORTED AT ONCE TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES.

4. CURRENCY CONTROLS: YOU SHOULD REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO ANY ATTEMPTS TO CONTROL YOUR CURRENCY, STATING THAT BY VIRTUE YOUR ALLIED STATUS YOU ARE EXEMPT FROM SUCH CONTROLS ON HELMSTEDT-BERLIN AUTOBAHN WHICH IS QUADRIPARTITELY RECOGNIZED ALLIED ACCESS ROUTE TO BERLIN. IF THIS UNAVAILING AND YOU ARE ENTERING SOVIET ZONE, YOU SHOULD TURN BACK. IF YOU ARE LEAVING SOVIET ZONE AND THEREFORE UNABLE PROCEED WITHOUT SUBMITTING TO CURRENCY CONTROL, YOU MAY SUBMIT BUT UNDER PROTEST AND WITH STATEMENT THAT INCIDENT WILL BE REPORTED AT ONCE TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES.

5. FOREGOING APPLIES AUTOBAHN TRAVEL ONLY; TRAVEL BY MILITARY TRAIN COVERED BY INSTRUCTIONS TO TRAIN COMMANDERS.

6. IN EVENT ANY ABOVE OCCURRENCES OR OTHER UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU SHOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL TO US AUTOBAHN CHECKPOINT OFFICIAL AND TO NEAREST US CONSULATE, US MISSION BERLIN OR EMBASSY BONN.

11. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REMINDED THAT NO US OFFICIAL PERSONNEL OR THEIR DEPENDENTS MAY TRAVEL TO BERLIN EXCEPT BY HELMSTEDT-BERLIN AUTOBAHN OR MILITARY TRAIN, OR BY AIRLINES TERMINATING WEST RPT WEST BERLIN, E.G., TEMPELHOF, TEGEL OR CATOW AIRFIELDS. LANDING AT SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT, WHICH LIES JUST OUTSIDE BERLIN IN SOVIET ZONE, IS NOT PERMITTED.

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